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Notice.

The annual election of managers of the Milford cemetery association will be held at the office of C. W. Bull on Monday, January 8, 1896, from two to three o'clock p. m. WILLIAM MITCHELL, Sec'y. Milford, Pa., Dec. 10th, 1895.

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Mr. John R. Rudolph, a practical and efficient workman is prepared to do all kinds of repairing of watches, clocks and jewelry, with neatness and at reasonable prices. He may be found at home on Broad Street. Give him a call. Milford January 9 1896.

THE LYCEUM REOPENED.

Kindness of Hon. Julio M. Foster in Its Aid.

The Rooms Will Be Open Every Saturday Afternoon from One to Six o'clock—Some Pertinent Questions as to Funds Raised for Its Support.

The rooms of the Lyceum Association have been closed for sometime, the directors thinking it wise to husband their resources for use next summer. By the kindness of the Hon. Julio M. Foster, they have now been put in funds so that something can be done this winter.

On Saturday afternoon of each week, from one till six o'clock the room will be open and warmed, under charge of a competent attendant. During the hours named the library may be consulted, and books may be drawn from it in accordance with the rules of the association.

We learn with pleasure that those desiring will have access to the library of the Lyceum during the winter, and hope the opportunity thus afforded will be duly appreciated, by a liberal patronage. There is no good reason why it should not be so. This library contains many useful and interesting books, which should be sought for and read, particularly by the younger members of the village. We have also for sometime been rather curious to learn why it was that the Lyceum was so short of funds. If our recollection is not at fault, and if it is there are many who can correct it, in the summer of 1894 strenuous effort was made to raise funds to put the society on a good financial footing, and at a meeting held in the Lyceum rooms an enthusiastic gentleman, created two life members and promised to pay the membership fees \$5 each. One of the members so created took and held office, but the other, we are informed, repudiated the generosity of the enthusiastic individual. The treasurer of the association has no record of any payment of these life memberships. This same sanguine, and officious individual further proposed a dramatic entertainment for the benefit of the struggling association, and set to work to secure local and city talent to aid him.

This was readily secured for it was given out that the proceeds of the play was to be given to the Lyceum. Many people attended solely in the belief that they were contributing to a worthy object. A large audience was present and a fair estimate placed the net proceeds at not less than \$100. The same company undertook the same disinterested management went to Port Jervis and there gave an entertainment, advertised to be for the same purpose, which was likewise generously attended.

No accounting for the proceeds of these exhibitions has ever been made to any official of the Lyceum, and not one penny of the money, a great part of which was certainly obtained by the representations made as to the object for which it was being raised, has ever been paid over to its treasurer. What terms polite society might apply to such methods we do not know, but in legal phraseology, there can be no question but that they would be characterized as obtaining money under false pretenses, and then embezzling it. This is plain Anglo Saxon, but we think wholly justifiable under the circumstances, and certainly exculpates the Lyceum officials from any suspicion that they have been in any wise injudicious in their expenditures. The public should give support to a reading room, and it would be an adjunct to both the churches and schools, if one were properly maintained and patronized. Why cannot this be done? There are certainly people enough in the village able, why should they not be willing to emulate the creditable example of the gentlemen through whose generosity the Lyceum is enabled to open its doors during this winter.

We will be glad to afford space in our columns for a public discussion of this important matter.

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Knowing the great aid which farmers can derive from a live agricultural paper, we have arranged with the New York Farmer, to offer that paper with the Press for one year for \$2.00. The regular subscription price of each is \$1.50, or we will furnish the Press one year and the Farmer for three months for \$1.50.

This will bring your reading matter at a very low rate. For the small sum of \$2.50 will send you all three papers for one year. Just give nice combination a year's trial, and see if it won't add to your knowledge and happiness.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Elizabeth Lee and John P. Lee to Frederick Keshing, deed dated Dec. 16, 1895. Lots in Matamoras Nos. 153 and 155. Con. \$1. Ent'd Jan. 3rd, John Meyer to John J. Robson, dated Dec. 31, 1895. Lots in Matamoras Nos. 57. Con. \$200. Ent'd Jan. 3rd.

A. D. Brown, trustee, estate of Christian Ott, deceased, to Charles Ott, deed dated Dec. 23rd. Land in Delaware, 80 acres. Con. \$1,500. Ent'd Jan. 7.

John C. Westbrook, et. ux. to Wesley and Milton D. Price, dated Dec. 10, 1895. Land in Greene, 439 acres. Con. \$878. Ent'd Jan. 8.

Lizzie R. Morford to John C. Wallace, dated Aug. 15. Land in Dingman township, 5 perches. Con. \$10. Ent'd Jan. 8.

COUNTY NOTES.

Sheriff H. I. Cortright has appointed George Gregory deputy sheriff and L. B. Hissam keeper of the jail.

The county commissioners reapportioned Geo. Sweeney clerk of the board.

By resolution of two of the commissioners the compensation of the county treasurer was fixed at 2% on all moneys received and 2% on all paid out.

The county commissioners appointed C. W. Bull, Esq. solicitor at a salary of \$75 per year.

G. A. Sweeney appointed by the court auditor to audit the accounts of Prothonotary, and Recorder Westbrook finds that 207 judgments were entered during the past year and 23 writs issued, 29 letters of administration granted, 316 deeds and 101 mortgages recorded.

Journalists.

People who have taken, and read the Orange County Farmer will be surprised and gratified to see the new form and style that paper has taken as the New York Farmer, Horticulturist and Dairyman. It is a neat well printed sheet, replete with interesting matter, and cannot fail to be of great aid to those seeking advice and information concerning agricultural matters. The first page is adorned with portraits of the owners and editors of the Farmer and also of its home, and on the fourth its press rooms are shown. Its editor in chief, Mr. E. G. Fowler, is too well known as an authority on horticulture to need a word of commendation, while Mr. W. T. Doty as managing editor is an able and forceful writer. The Farmer should be in the hands of every tiller of the soil or grower of fruits, and no doubt will meet with the success which its enterprise and merit deserves.

STATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer's Report.

The Writings of the Legislature and School Open Training—Mr. Schaeffer is Not in Sympathy with Uniform Examination—Full Report, &c.

Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Public Instruction of this state in his annual report for the school year ending June 3rd, 1895, first calls attention to the wisdom of the Legislature in not reducing the appropriation to the public schools for the two years commencing on the first Monday of June 1895. He says that although the annual amount has reached the magnificent sum of five and one half millions dollars, it does not cover one third of the expenditures for the public instruction. He also praises the Legislature for its generous liberality in aiding our higher institutions of learning. He does not express himself as in sympathy with the clamor for uniform examinations throughout the entire state. He says to do this or to make it desirable that children must be born, uniform, that their environment shall be made uniform, and that the callings to which they are fitted shall be uniform. He approves the act for the establishment of free public libraries in the several school districts, and thinks it may result in great good. He says the moral effect of the compulsory school law has been salutary in causing more pupils to attend who would otherwise have absented themselves. Good results he expects will follow from the recent legislation designed to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, and to improve the sanitary condition of the school houses and surroundings. He says that in the counties like Berks, Lebanon, Lehigh and Northampton, a very large population still use in their houses the verminiferous of their forefathers, and he thinks that in these sections, the study of English and its use on the play-ground should be insisted on as one of the chief essentials of the school curriculum, and in this connection he mentions what a pupil should above all others things acquire at school.

1. The ordinary school virtues.

2. The English language including the power to think and to express thought both in script and speech.

3. A taste for good reading and the power to use books aright.

4. A knowledge of business forms and the ability to perform the calculations required in barter and trade.

5. Sufficient knowledge of hygiene to observe the laws of health.

6. Enough geography and history to see the relation of good government to the welfare of the people.

7. A willingness to make sacrifices in the cause of right and truth and in the interest of humanity at home and abroad.

We have now thirteen state normal schools, each with ample buildings, and a corps of instructors numbering from eleven to forty, and an annual attendance of several hundred making an aggregate of over five thousand students who are preparing to teach.

In speaking of county superintendents, he says a good superintendent earns many times his salary, and a poor one is too dear at any price. The Cornplanter Indians in Warren county have a school for which an annual appropriation of three hundred dollars is made. It is attended by eighteen Indians and six white children, belonging to families who have rented lands on the reservation. The present teacher of this last remnant of the red man in Pennsylvania is Miss Gay Phillips.

The number of school teachers in the State is 26,088; schools, 25,348; male teachers, 8,628; female, 17,460.

Average salary of male teachers, \$38.34. Number of pupils 1,070,612 and the total expenditures, \$18,992,651.12. The report shows an in-

crease of nearly 30,000 in the number of pupils, and an increase of over \$5.00 per month in the salary of female teachers.

The doctor says the children of the commonwealth owe a debt of profound gratitude to the editors of the leading daily and weekly papers, for their assistance in arousing the public to the need of better school houses, longer terms, higher salaries and more efficient instruction.

OBITUARY.

JUDGE HENRY A. MOORE. The older residents of Milford will remember the genial face and cordial manner of Judge Moore who perhaps twenty-five years ago began visiting Milford, stopping at the Sawkill House, for several years in succession. Lately his visits have been more infrequent, and of shorter duration, and he has made the Hotel Faulstich his abode while here. He has held the position of Judge of the Common Pleas and Sessions Court in Brooklyn for more than a score of years, and was esteemed an able and upright Judge, and as a pleasant and social gentleman. His recent demise in Brooklyn will cause a pang of sorrow to those here who knew him. His age was about 70 years, surviving are a widow and three sons.

CHARLES WOOD JACKSON. Charles Wood Jackson, who for several summers visited here, boarding with Mrs. Andrews, died suddenly Sunday last at Athol, Texas. He was a lawyer, a member of the stock exchange and a prominent man. His age was 58 years. He is survived by a widow and two sons, one of whom had just sailed for Europe, to visit President Arthur's sons in Paris.

A Day in the Photograph Business. When photographer J. A. Myers went to his studio in this borough, Wednesday morning he found a "state of things" not to his satisfaction. Several valuable lens and other articles were missing. The front door was open showing that entrance had been effected by fitting a key to its lock. Suspecting a young lad about seventeen years old from the fact that he had been loitering about the room the preceding day, Mr. Myers procured a search warrant and with Constable Hermann proceeded to the house of Mrs. Charles Wirtz. There a careful search was instituted which resulted in finding nearly all the stolen property hidden under a floor board in the attic. On making enquiry of Mrs. Wirtz, she informed the officer that her son Willie Wirtz, who was the suspected person, was up at John Lauers. He was found there by the Constable and brought to Milford and lodged in jail. Mr. Myer was fortunate in securing his goods, which amounted in value to over sixty dollars. Young Wirtz was taken before Esquire Cortright on Thursday morning and in default of \$100 bail was re-committed to jail.

ITEMS OF INTEREST. The largest steel arch bridge in the world is to be built at Niagara Falls. The arch will be 850 feet long, and the stone work is to be begun this fall. The contract for the steel will be filled this winter, so that the whole structure can be completed this year. The bridge is to be constructed from the plans of Mr. C. C. Buck, who is also chief engineer of the East River bridge.—Exchange.

The number of postage stamps that are used every day by the people of the United States is estimated at \$12,000,000.

Earl Sherwood, of Honesdale has invented and patented an ingenious device to save people from becoming trolley victims. This contrivance is described as exceedingly simple, automatic in operation, easily shifted from one end of the car to the other, and, when in collision with a person or any structural obstacle, it drops to the ground and picks up the object in a wire netting, thus preventing contact with the wheels. He has named it "The Defender."—Independ-

PERSONAL. The post holiday exodus of young people has taken place, and Milford has again assumed its wonted air of repose. Miss Bertha Williamson returned to Branchville, New Jersey, for the winter, Miss Dorothy Wolf to her home in New York; the Misses Lila and Bessie Van Etten, John Van Etten, Theodore Baker and Frank Cross to their duties at Nyack; George R. Bull, Misses Bonnie Cross, Linda Klier and Katie Beck to Blair Hall; Walter Angle to Hackettstown; Fred Klier to Goshen, Miss Helen R. Biddis to Washington, D. C., Frayley Baker to Hoboken N. J., Emile Bergot to Baltimore, Md., and W. A. H. Mitchell to the New York law school.

Miss Annie Baker will soon go to New York with Miss Lucy Kent, for a visit among friends and relatives. Miss Bessie Williamson gave on New Year Eve, a Boston ton party to those who attended the Y. P. S. C. E. convention held at Boston last summer. The refreshments consisted of baked beans, brown bread, pumpkin pie and doughnuts. Emerson's philosophy furnished the mental pabulum, and Puritanism the proprieties of the occasion.

Mr. Isaac Dollfus, the artist, who was for sometime a resident of this place, is domiciled at Clisson, France. Miss Happy Van Wyck, after spending the holidays here has returned to school at Washington.

Mr. Martin Hatton, Mr. John Marsch and Mr. G. J. Gebhardt, county auditors are wrestling with the settlement of the county finances this week. C. P. Mott is clerk.

Mr. Jacob O. Brown and Lewis Chastillon with sheriff H. I. Cortright have been engaged in filling the jury wheel and drawing a panel of grand and traverse jurors for the March term of court. Ex-Sheriff D. D. Newman is their clerk.

Mr. Maxwell Trainer, who British consul at New York, has been spending a few days in Milford.

Mr. Matthias Chastillon, an aged resident of Dingman township is in very feeble health.

Mr. B. C. Horton, who is spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. A. D. Brown, suffered a stroke of paralysis last week. His vocal organs are affected, but otherwise, it was not severe. His condition however does not improve, and his age which is nearly 85 years does not justify hopes of recovery.

Mr. Frank Marvin, son of Mr. Charles Marvin, of Westfall township, Pike county, Pa., started last Tuesday afternoon for Birmingham, Ala., where he expects to pass the winter.

The new sheriff, H. I. Cortright, and Coroner Lorenz Geiger took the oath of office Monday Jan. 6, and respectively assumed their duties as county officials. Now if you don't want to be sat upon by Mr. Geiger refrain from committing suicide.

Mr. Charles O. Wilkin, of the Philadelphia Dental College, left Matamoras Monday morning on the Orange County Express on the Erie for Philadelphia. He has been at his home in Matamoras during the holidays.

John Gourlay has been reappointed janitor of the Court House for the coming year at a salary of \$175.

Wesley Watson, who has been sojourning in the City of Brotherly Love for the past six weeks, returned to his home a few days ago.

We learn with regret that Hon. D. M. Van Anken is quite seriously indisposed. It is to be hoped that he may speedily recover.

Mr. Hudson Operated On. Dr. H. B. Swartwout is in receipt of a letter Thursday from Brooklyn stating that Rev. W. H. Hadnut, lately of this village, was operated on Wednesday at St. John's Hospital for appendicitis. The letter further states that the domicile is recovering as well as could be expected so soon after the operation.

Prophet Devoe, says there will be plenty of January weather, three blizzards, three snow storms and twelve cold waves.

BRIEF MENTION. Wm. Angle, who is buying walnut lumber for the U. S. Government to be used in the manufacture of gun stocks, recently cut a tree on the farm of W. H. Rose, in Westfall township, which measures across the butt where it was sawed down, six feet and a half. It is estimated that the first log 16 feet long will cut about 1500 feet of lumber. This one tree alone will furnish stocks enough to equip a regiment. Pike will do her share in the next war.

—The widow of the late John Doty, who was killed on Kingston avenue, Port Jervis, last fall, by Officer Loreaux, has through her attorney, John W. Lyon, filed a claim of \$25,000 against the village for the death of her husband.—Union.

—Canada sold us during the calendar year 1895 over \$2,000,000 worth of hay. This is double the amount sold us during the previous year under the old tariff of \$4 per ton. The tariff now is \$2 per ton. Farmers who are benefited by this reduction of the tariff? Are you of the Kanawak.

—Canadian horses are also crossing the border at a liberal rate, imports for ten months being about double those of a year ago. The former rate was \$50 specific duty, it is now 20 per cent ad valorem, this leaves the rate largely to the conscience of the importer. Total imports for 10 months were 11,735 against 5926 a year ago. The tariff is a tax, abolish it, the democrats say.

—At the coming election in February, the number of town councilmen to be elected in boroughs not divided into wards is seven, two for one year, two for two years, and three for three years, and the length of time they shall serve shall be designated on the ballots. The councilmen now in office, shall act with those to be elected, until the expiration of their term, and after their places have become vacant they shall not again be filled. Milford will therefore have nine councilmen for the coming year. We ought to be well governed if numbers count for wisdom.

—An alarm of fire this week startled our citizens. It proved to be the roof of a house occupied by C. Vantassel and owned by H. B. Wells. A few pails full of water extinguished the blaze. The hose company was promptly on hand but found some of their hose frozen full of ice. No comment is necessary, but it may be pertinent to enquire whether it would not be a good scheme for our borough fathers to build and own a proper building in which to keep the hose carriages and ladder truck, one where the boys could properly dry and repair the hose, and keep the apparatus in good condition. Some day such neglect may be an expensive matter to our town.

—H. L., the versatile correspondent of the "Gazette" writes that paper that he visited Milford last week, and saw, a boy, a couple of dogs, and a house. Well, Well, this reminds us of a little poetry we once learned the first line of which is as follows: Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been etc.

—The Lehman township correspondent of the Dispatch "A. W. H." has just adjusted his goggles and now sees things. Good times and prosperity. Factories and mills starting, public works booming, prices advancing, wages increased, public confidence restored, wheels of industry humming. Hon. J. J. Hart on two important committees, the eyes of the country on the Democratic party, and Pike a voice in the halls at Washington. Though long silent she is now to the front to stay. Gee, whiz, bang, boom, sizzle! A(h) W(hat) H(allow)ca(m)tion.

Revival Meetings in Matamoras. Revival services were held in the Epworth M. E. Church every evening this week. An interesting time was had and the attendance was large.

The New York Sun, says Ex-President Harrison will soon wed Mrs. Dimmick.